



*In order to give area residents an opportunity to meet with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to discuss the transition of the former Chemetco site into the Superfund program we are holding ...*

## **U.S. EPA / Illinois EPA Open House for Chemetco Superfund Site**

**Date:** Thursday, August 12, 2010

**Times:** 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, One Lewis and Clark Trail, Hartford  
The meeting center is located to the west of the intersection of Route 3 and New Poag Road.  
The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center is handicapped accessible.

**Sponsors:** Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

**Format:** The public availability sessions will begin at 2:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The sessions will be informal providing local residents with time to discuss issues related to the Chemetco site one-on-one with IEPA and USEPA representatives. The sessions will end promptly at 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Fact sheets that explain the Superfund program will be available at the session.

**Background:** Chemetco was a former secondary copper smelter operation which operated from 1969 to 2001. The former smelter property occupied more than 230 acres of land, but operated on 41 acres located near the foundry buildings. Chemetco's major function was recycling or secondary processing of copper-bearing scrap and manufacturing residues. This process produced waste byproducts such as slag, zinc oxide (scrubber sludge), and spent refractory brick. On October 31, 2001, the facility closed, and filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy on November 13, 2001.

IEPA issued an order to seal the Chemetco site on December 7, 2001, due to known environmental issues. Since that time IEPA has continued the monitoring and investigation of the site, and participated with USEPA in negotiations related to the bankruptcy. In March 2010, Chemetco was officially added to the National Priorities List, also known as the Superfund list.

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